ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

In the Matter of the Mortgage Broker License of:

No. 06F-BD028-BNK

DANA CAPITAL GROUP OF ARIZONA, INC. DBA DANA CAPITAL GROUP AND QUENTIN P. CARUANA, PRESIDENT 745 E. Maryland, #207

CONSENT ORDER

Phoenix, Arizona 85014

Petitioners.

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On January 18, 2006, the Arizona Department of Financial Institutions ("Department") issued a Notice of Hearing alleging that Petitioners had violated Arizona law. Wishing to resolve this matter in lieu of an administrative hearing and without admitting liability, Petitioners consent to the entry of the following Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- Petitioner Dana Capital Group of Arizona, Inc. DBA Dana Capital Group ("Dana") is 1. a California corporation authorized to transact business in Arizona as a mortgage broker, license number MB 0906340, within the meaning of A.R.S. § 6-901, et seq. The nature of Dana's business is that of making, negotiating or offering to make or negotiate loans secured by Arizona real property within the meaning of A.R.S. § 6-901(6).
- Petitioner Quentin P. Caruana ("Mr. Caruana") is the President of Dana and, as such, 2. is authorized to transact business in Arizona as a mortgage broker within the meaning of A.R.S.§ 6-901(6) as set forth within A.R.S.§ 6-903(E).
- Neither Dana nor Mr. Caruana is exempt from licensure as a mortgage broker within the meaning of A.R.S §§ 6-901(6) and 6-902.
- On June 16-September 30, 2005, the Department conducted an examination of the 4. mortgage broker business of Dana and Mr. Caruana, and found that the Petitioners:
 - conducted mortgage broker activities at two unlicensed branch offices; \mathbf{a}_i

- b transacted and/or solicited business using the name of Dana Capital Group,
 Inc., which is not licensed in Arizona as a mortgage broker or mortgage banker;
- c. failed to conduct the minimum required elements of reasonable employee investigations before hiring twenty-five employees, specifically: failed to consult with the applicant's previous employer when hiring twenty-five (25) employees; failed to inquire regarding the applicant's qualifications and competence for the position when hiring twenty-four (24) employees; failed to obtain an I9 document before hiring eight (8) employees; failed to collect copies of I9 documents when hiring four (4) employees; failed to properly complete the I9 document when hiring five (5) employees; failed to obtain credit reports before hiring five (5) employees and failed to investigate further as to the applicant's honesty, truthfulness, integrity or competence when hiring eleven (11) employees;
- d. paid compensation to unlicensed, independent contractors, specifically: paid compensation to an unlicensed, independent loan processor; purchased mortgage leads from an unlicensed entity and paid loan origination fees to an unlicensed, independent mortgage company;
- e. failed to maintain correct and complete records of the mortgage broker business, specifically: failed to maintain a file containing samples of all advertising and/or solicitations;
- f. failed to maintain a complete loan application listing, specifically: failed to include a provision for the loan application date;
- g allowed borrowers to sign nine (9) regulated documents containing blank spaces without obtaining the proper authorization from the borrowers to complete the blank spaces;
- h. failed to issue proper federal disclosures as required, specifically: failed to disclose yield spread premiums to six (6) borrowers and failed to issue servicing transfer disclosures to three (3) borrowers;

- i. failed to execute a proper written fee/document agreement with borrowers, specifically: failed to sign and/or date a written fee/document agreement for three (3) borrowers and failed to issue a written fee/document agreement to six (6) borrowers;
- j used unlawful appraisal disclosures that limit a borrower to 90 days in which the borrower may request a copy of an appraisal for which the borrower has paid;
- k. failed to have a responsible individual in active management of Petitioners'
 Arizona activities, specifically: the responsible individual was not knowledgeable about
 Petitioners' Arizona activities and did not supervise compliance with Arizona laws and rules
 as they relate to mortgage loan activities, and Petitioners failed to give the responsible
 individual sufficient authority to ensure such compliance;
- I. failed to obtain approval from the Superintendent to maintain Dana's records outside of Arizona; and
- m. failed to provide all information requested to conduct a proper examination of Petitioner's books and records, specifically: failed to produce wage and payroll information for ten (10) Arizona employees and failed to produce invoices for eleven (11) marketing and/or consulting companies.
- 5. Based upon the above findings, the Department issued and served upon Dana and Mr. Caruana an Order to Cease and Desist; Notice of Opportunity For Hearing; Consent to Entry of Order ("Cease and Desist Order") on November 30, 2005.
- 6. On December 29, 2005, Petitioners filed a Request For Hearing to appeal the Cease and Desist Order.
- 7. The Department has found no evidence that Petitioners' violations were willful or intentional.
- 8. Petitioners have voluntarily agreed to take corrective action and have attempted to comply with the Department's requests. However, such finding does not waive any provisions of this Consent Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 6-901, et seq., the Superintendent has the authority and duty to regulate all persons engaged in the mortgage broker business and with the enforcement of statutes, rules and regulations relating to mortgage brokers.
- 2. By the conduct set forth in the Findings of Fact, Dana and Mr. Caruana have violated the mortgage broker statutes and rules as follows:
 - a. A.R.S § 6-904(F) by conducting mortgage broker activities at unlicensed branch offices;
 - b. A.R.S. § 6-903(M) by using an unlicensed name in transacting and/or soliciting business;
 - c. A.R.S. § 6-903(N) and A.A.C. R20-4-102 by failing to conduct the minimum required elements of reasonable employee investigations before hiring employees;
 - d. A.R.S. § 6-909(B) and A.A.C. R 20-4-102 by paying compensation to unlicensed, independent contractors;
 - e. A.R.S. § 6-906(A) and A.A.C. R20-4-917(B) by failing to maintain correct and complete records;
 - f. A.A.C.R-20-4-917(B) by failing to maintain a proper loan application listing;
 - g. A.R.S. § 6-909(A) and A.A.C. R20-4-921 by allowing borrowers to sign regulated documents containing blank spaces without obtaining the proper authorization from the borrowers to complete the blank spaces;
 - h. A.R.S. § 6-906(D) and A.A.C.R-20-4-917(B)(6)(e) by failing to issue proper federal disclosures, in violation of the requirements of title I of the Consumer Credit Protection Act (15 U.S.C. §§ 1601 through 1666j), the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (12 U.S.C. §§ 2601 through 2617), and the regulations promulgated under these acts;
 - i. A.R.S. § 6-906(C) by failing to execute a proper written fee/document agreement with borrowers who provide documents to Petitioners;

- j. A.R.S. § 6-906(C) by using unlawful appraisal disclosures that limit a borrower to 90 days in which the borrower may request a copy of an appraisal for which the borrower has paid;
- k. A.R.S. § 6-903(E) and A.A.C. R20-4-102 by failing to ensure that Petitioners' responsible individual maintained a position of active management and by failing to delegate sufficient authority to the responsible individual to ensure compliance;
- 1. A.R.S. § 6-906(A) by failing to obtain approval from the Superintendent to maintain records out of state and
- m. A.R.S. § 6-905(A)(4) by failing to provide all requested information necessary to conduct an examination of Petitioner's books and records.
- The violations set forth above constitute grounds for the issuance of an order directing Petitioners to cease and desist from the violative conduct and to take the appropriate affirmative actions, within a reasonable period of time prescribed by the Superintendent, to correct the conditions resulting from the unlawful acts, practices, and transactions, pursuant to A.R.S. § 6-137.
- 4. The violations set forth above constitute grounds for the imposition of a civil penalty of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for each violation for each day, pursuant to A.R.S. § 6-132.

<u>ORDER</u>

- Dana and Mr. Caruana shall correct all violations set forth in the Findings of Fact and in the Report of Examination. Dana and Mr. Caruana shall:
 - a. obtain a branch office license from the Superintendent before conducting mortgage banker activities at branch office locations;
 - b. discontinue using an unlicensed name in transacting and/or soliciting business;

- c. conduct the minimum required elements of reasonable employee investigations before hiring;
 - d. discontinue paying compensation to unlicensed, independent contractors;
 - e. maintain correct and complete records of the mortgage broker business;
 - f. maintain a proper loan application listing;
- g. discontinue allowing borrowers to sign regulated documents containing blank spaces unless the proper authorization is first obtained from borrowers;
- h. issue proper federal disclosures in compliance with the disclosure requirements of title I of the Consumer Credit Protection Act (15 U.S.C. §§ 1601 through 1666j), the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (12 U.S.C. §§ 2601 through 2617), and the regulations promulgated under these acts;
- i. execute proper written fee/document agreements with borrowers who provide documents to Petitioners;
 - j. discontinue using unlawful appraisal disclosures;
- k. ensure that Petitioners' responsible individual maintains a position of active management and delegate all necessary authority to the responsible individual to ensure compliance with Arizona statutes and rules;
- l obtain permission from the Superintendent to maintain records outside of Arizona; and
- m. provide all missing information to the Department as requested, specifically all 2003 payroll information and all requested invoices.
- 2. Dana and Mr. Caruana shall immediately pay to the Department a civil money penalty in the amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000). Dana and Mr. Caruana are jointly and severally liable for payment of the civil money penalty.
- 3. The provisions of this Order shall be binding upon Petitioners, their employees, agents and other persons participating in the conduct of the affairs of Petitioners.

- This Order shall become effective upon service, and shall remain effective and enforceable until such time as, and except to the extent that, it shall be stayed, modified, terminated or set aside.
- This Consent Order, by its terms, shall not preclude Dana Capital Group, Inc., a
 California corporation, from applying to the Department to acquire control of Dana Capital Group of
 Arizona, Inc., nor shall this Consent Order constitute the Superintendent's approval of that
 transaction.

SO ORDERED this 22rd day of March, 2006

Felecia A. Rotellini

Superintendent of Financial Institutions

CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER

Petitioners, without admitting or denying the Findings of Fact set forth in this Consent Order, agree as follows:

- 1. Petitioners acknowledge that they have been served with a copy of the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order in the above-referenced matter, have read the same, are aware of their right to an administrative hearing in this matter, and have waived the same.
- Petitioners admit the jurisdiction of the Superintendent and consent to the entry of the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.
- 3. Petitioners state that no promise of any kind or nature has been made to induce them to consent to the entry of this Order, and that they have done so voluntarily.
- 4. Petitioners acknowledge that the acceptance of this Agreement by the Superintendent is solely to settle this matter and does not preclude this Department, any other agency or officer of this state or subdivision thereof from instituting other proceedings as may be appropriate now or in the future.

1	5. Quentin P. Caruana, signing on behalf of Dana Capital Group of Arizona, Inc. dba
2	Dana Capital Group and himself, represents that he is the President and as such, has been authorized
3	by Dana Capital Group of Arizona, Inc. dba Dana Capital Group to consent to the entry of this Order
4	on its behalf.
5	6. Petitioners waive all rights to seek judicial review or otherwise to challenge or contes
6	the validity of the Cease and Desist Order or Notice of Hearing.
7	DATED this day of, 2006.
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9	By: Quentin P. Caruana, President
10	Dana Capital Group of Arizona, Inc. dba Dana Capital Group
11	doa Dana Capital Group
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14	ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this 23nd day of MCul, 2006, in the office of:
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